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Art Unit: 1653

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Appl. No. 09/297,040; § 371 Date: July 21, 1999  
For: **Diabetes-Mediating Proteins and Therapeutic Uses Thereof**  
Inventors: MOSE LARSEN *et al.*  
Our Ref: 2012.0390004/JAG/TJS

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Assertion of Small Entity Status Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(c) and Request for Refund Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.28(a) (*in duplicate*); and
2. Return postcard; and

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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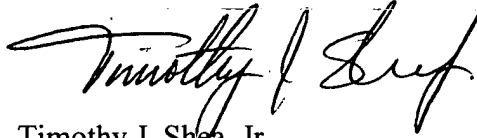
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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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This application is entitled to small entity status and the same is respectfully  
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It is requested that \$ 945.00 be credited to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.  
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Time (five months). As a result of the above assertion of small entity status being made  
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